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The Honorable Leonard B. Sand United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007 USDC SDNY
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Re: <u>United States v. Luka Grishaj, et al</u>, 07 Cr. 1158 (LBS)

Dear Judge Sand:

As discussed with Your Honor's Deputy, the Government requests that the conference currently scheduled for March 4, 2008, be adjourned until a date convenient for the Court after March 17, 2008. Counsel for defendant Luka Grishaj has asked (and the Government has no objection) that the conference be adjourned until a date after March 24, 2008, because he will be away from New York until that date.

The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from today through the date of the next conference. During this time, counsel for the defendants will continue to review discovery produced by the Government, and will have discussions with the Government concerning possible dispositions of their client's cases without the need for trial. This request is made with the consent of counsel for Luka Grishaj, Raul Pena and Ramon Uribe. I have not been able to speak with Mr. Joy, counsel for Christopher Baez, although we have exchanged voicemail messages. I have not heard from Mr. Nobel,

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24 on Card 128/08 counsel for Alexander Amparo, but I believe he too consents, based on my prior conversations with him.

Respectfully Submitted,

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